85. Extension and improvement of the Cutcherry and Market landings, as also the improvement of the Velur landing and the deepening of the basins at the landing places and canals leading thereto at least twice a year.

Mr. Kurien Mani (Member, Trading Classes, Kottayam) thanked Government for the privilege granted to the merchants and traders to return a member to the Legislative Council. He then referred Government to the representations made by the Members of the trading classes, Kottayam, on previous occasions and explained how Kottayam was becoming more and more important every day as an emporium of trade, situated as it is, at the junction between the plains and the hills. The Member then urged the immediate necessity of widening and otherwise improving the Thirunakkara market on which Members for previous Sessions had spoken.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

86. Certain urgent improvements to the town of Changanacherry.

Mr. K. Velayudhan Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Changanacherry) explained the great need for extending the site of the Changanacherry market, as on account of insufficiency of space, considerable difficulty was being experienced by the people resorting to it. The importance of the market would be realised when it was known that people from such distant places as Cochin, Ernakulam etc., frequented it for making purchases. It was at present only 1½ furlongs long and half a furlong broad and even if the existing extent was enlarged four-fold, it was doubtful if it would meet the full requirements of a centre of trade. The Travellers' Bungalow was situated at one end and was unsuitable as a place of residence. On that account it was being scarcely used. The Member, therefore, requested that the Travellers' Bungalow might be removed to another site and the site utilised for the market. The next subject dealt with by the Member was the necessity to afford better facilities for the landing of boats. The existing landing ghat was utterly insufficient and as a result boats with merchandise intended for the market used to land far away from the landing ghat. Thus, people were being put to great hardship and the T. I. C. was losing a good portion of the fees which would have gone to its coffers, if the goods were brought to and sold at the market. There was a disused *thodu* where the Pandakasalai *kadavu* was situated. It was to the south of the market *thodu* and there was also a road from the centre of the market to the Pandakasalai *thodu*. That had only to be deepened and improved when great relief could be afforded to the traders and other people frequenting the market. The Member requested that the work might be carried out. Thirdly, the people of Changanacherry were being put to great inconvenience for want of tanks for bathing purposes. There were three tanks—Chithrakulam, Vazhapallikulam (to the west of the temple at Vazhapalli) and Variathukulam. The first two had been ordered to be repaired at a cost of Rs. 2,250. and Rs. 6,650 respectively (under G. O's. P. W. Nos. 1121/157 and 1858/4 dated 4th March 1918 and 2nd April 1919, respectively). But no order had been passed with regard to the Variathukulam, though the deity from the Vazhapalli temple used to be taken to that tank for *Arat*. The Member requested that the three tanks might be improved and made useful for the hot season.

Dewan's reply.—It is under contemplation to transfer the Changanacherry Travellers' Bungalow from its present site. When that is done, the site will become available for the market. A sum of Rs. 160 has been sanctioned this year for the restoration of the Vazhapalli tank. The other points are noted.

87. Necessity for the excavation of the Chalakal and Kuttipuzha canals.

Mr. K. Velayudhan Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Changanacherry) observed that a sum of Rs. 15,000 had been spent in cutting the Chalakal *thodu* and that the further progress of the work was stopped because of a big boulder of rock. Thus, the money spent was a waste. If the work could be carried out, it would be of immense use to the agricultural population. The people would be prepared to pay a cess, after the work was completed. The Kuttipuzha *thodu* was another work which would be of great benefit to the ryots of the Thiruvalla and Changanacherry taluks.

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